training in various disciplines of film making and television programming.

Elbee Airlines alliance with C-S Aviation Services

971. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Elbee Airlines, India's first all cargo airlines, as part of its continued plan for expansion, has forged some alliance with C-S Aviation services;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether such move will benefit the country;

(d) whether such move is with the approval of Government; and

(e) if so, the details thereof; and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI CM. IBRAHIM): (a) and (b) M/s. Elbee Airlines Ltd. have submitted a proposal of equity investment of Rs.4 crores in their Company by M/s CSLB Aviation Holdings (Mauritius) Ltd. owned by an NRI.

(c) to (e) As per the guidelines, NRIs, OCBs (predominantly owned by NRIs with at least 60% holding) are allowed 100% equity investment in Air Transport Services.

Policy of Liberalisation in Economic Reforms

972. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to carry on the liberalisation in economic reforms or any changes will be made;

(b) by when Government propose to bring forward changes in the economic policy of the erstwhile Government; and

(c) the modifications proposed to be made in the economic policy?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND THE MINISTER OF COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) The present Government's policy on economic reforms is outlined in the Common Minimum Programme. The economic policy of the Government can be broadly described as "Growth with social justice".

Policy for out-of-Court settlements between Banks and Clients

973. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have evolved any policy to permit nationalised banks to arrive at out-of-court settlements with clients;

(b) if so, the guidelines issued in this regard;

(c) whether any effort is being made to arrive at reasonable compromises between nationalised banks and debtors;

(d) whether Government are monitoring the efforts being made by nationalised banks to reduce litigation; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND THE MINISTER OF COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has issued broad guidelines to be followed by Banks in cases of compromise or negotiated settlements of NPAs. However, the decision on the quantum of compromise/write offs and method of recovery is left to the Board of Directors of individual Banks. The Top Management of the Banks should ensure that there is no significant deviation from the general principles of compromise write offs and the write off decisions should judicious and in the best interest of the Bank. As per RBI advice, each bank is now required to have a loan recovery policy which sets down the manner of recovery of dues, targeted level of reduction (period wise) norms for permitted sacrifice/waiver, factors to be taken Into

account before considering waivers, decision levels, reporting to higher authority and monitoring of write off/waiver cases. In terms of the guidelines issued by RBI, the commercial banks are advised to ensure recovery of dues to the maximum extent, make a distinction between wilful and non-wilful defaulters, evaluate the realisability of the security, take into account the benefits that will accrue on recycling of funds locked up, fix accountability where staff lapses are noticed, etc. However while approving write offs and compromise proposals, the following aspects should be scrupulously followed by banks:

(i) The authority approving the write off proposal did not sanction the advance in question in his individual capacity;

(ii) the sanctioning authority in the case of advances had exercised his powers judiciously and adhered to the guidelines issued by the bank in the matter of grant of advances and that normal terms and conditions were stipulated;

(iii) there was no laxity in the conduct and post-disbursement supervision of the advances;

(iv) there as no act of commission or omission on the part of the staff leading to the debt proving irrecoverable.

(d) and (e) As per the RBI guidelines, a half-yearly statement as at the end of September and March of each year should be forwarded to RBI in the prescribed proforma within 30 days of the half year to which the statement relates. RBI in February, 1992, had also requested Indian Banks' Association to encourage its member banks to bring an increasing number of loan recovery cases to Lok Adalats/Nayayalays and settle them through fair compromises. RBI also requested IBA to advise banks to follow somewhat uniform policy in such cases and their efforts should include bringing maximum number of cases upto Rs.2 lakhs (subsequently raised to Rs.5 lakhs) in preference to recourse to courts entailing considerable cost and delay, giving suitable publicity to the scheme, organising workshops for branch managers so as to remove their doubts and identifying reasons for the scheme not receiving the desired coverage and taking remedial action in coordination with the heads of the State Legal Aid and Advice Board.

Development of Sea Beaches

974. SMT. JAYANTI PATNAIK: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether any steps have been taken by Government to develop some sea beaches to attract tourists;

(b) if so, the sea beaches in different coastal States developed under the programme of the Central Government;

(c) the steps for the development of sea beaches in Orissa; and

(d) the sea beaches identified in that state for the purpose and the action taken to develop these beaches?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA): (a) to (d) The Bekal Beach in Kerala, Sindhudurg District in Maharashtra, Mut-tukadu-Mamallapuram in Tamilnadu, Puri-Konark in Orissa, Diu in the Union Territory of Daman & Diu have been identified for development as Special Tourism Areas. The State Government of Orissa has identified substantial area for the establishment of the Special Tourism Area at Puri.

श्यामलाल शकधर समिति का प्रतिवेदन

975. श्री दिलीप सिंह जूदेव: क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) सरकार को श्री श्यामलाल शकधर समिति द्वारा लेखा-परीक्षा प्रतिवेदनों पर कार्यवाही के संबंध में की गई सिफारिशें कब प्राप्त हुई थीं; और

(ख) इन सिफारिशों की मुख्य बातें क्या-क्या हैं?